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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.*

**Part B for** January 19

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SUBJECT.

Conduct of worship in temples by Satani Pujaris wearing Jainvara

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DC Kolar + DC. of other Dts No 1927-34 Dt 23.1.19

Passing orders re

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 360/1915

FILE HEADING.

Conduct of worship in temples by Satani Pujaris wearing janivara

From

The Dy Commr Kolar Distt

No. 129 Dated 19. 12. 1915 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Solicits explicit orders as to whether the Govt order of 31st May 1904 directing the exclusion of Satani Pujaris wearing janivara can be strictly held applicable in all cases or whether each case more or less of the same nature has to be dealt with on its own merits.

(Mz 7 no. 98 of 1902)

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Mz 7 no. 98 of 1902-03 is put up. The question whether the Satanis should be allowed to wear janivara and worship in Mz temples is being dealt with

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in the office-note of the Collection
the opinion of the Sjanicks of the
office discussing the question from
a Sastric point of view is also on
record on the appeal of one
Sopaliah, Pujari of Sri Venkataramana
Swami Temple at Talakayalakonda,
Govt directed in their circular
order no. 3758-66 Dy 31st May 1904,
that unless the appellant adheres
to custom and gives up his janivara,
his exclusion from the Pujari had
been rightly ordered.

The Dy Commr reports that
there are several instns in his Dist
in which worship is being conducted
by Satanis wearing janivara, that
the order refd to was issued over a
decade ago, that it is a very delicate
matter to enforce the spirit of the
order strictly in cases of the kind,
as almost everywhere Satani Archaks
wearing the sacred thread have been
conducting worship for a long time
past. He further reports that there
are several records pending before
in which the local authorities have

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From Archak Ramachar and other Venkatapur Brahmans,

Interview petition of 16.2.17

State that though they are Brahmans entitled to wear sacred threads, some mischievous persons insist upon the removing of the janivara before their entrance into the temple for the conduct of service therein; and pray that their disability may be removed.

This is an interview-petition. The Dewan's order on the petition:—

"This seems a curious case. The "Muzrai Deptt will kindly examine "the complaint and report how the "matter stands.

Submit for orders
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The opinion of the Agamics goes to show that wearing of janivara by the Salaries does not constitute a breach of caste rules rendering them incapable of offering worship in a temple. It is true that a large majority of this class ~~still~~ have not yet taken to this practice but that seems to be

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Reason why such officers as may wish to imitate the Brahmans may not do so and the Govt. need take no notice of innovations after such which are found to be a recurring phenomenon in the changing conditions of Hindu Society. The only question for consideration appears to be whether there is any shastraic prohibition in express terms apart from the absence of permissive texts. There seems to be none excepting that the Jainisaran is not duly consecrated yajnopavitam. The very Smriti text quoted by the Agamik appears to indicate that the practice of wearing Jainisaran by non-Brahman castes was not uncommon. Further the Satanis are non followers of Pancharatra Shastras and the Pancha-Samskara which gives them the right to worship is a purification process fixed by that Shastra. This Shastra is silent on the point of wearing sacred threads or who may or may not do so. Under the circumstances it seems to be justifiable and expedient to relax the rule

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As the matter was one of general concern, I wished to take time to study the question as a whole and consider its different aspects. If approved the question may now be taken up for consideration with the Council's reference and instruction may be issued that the practice may be treated as immaterial and without any bearing on the right to worship in a temple.

In the later petition to the Diwan the signatories say that they are Vaikhanasa Brahmans, a point on which no opinion need be expressed but even then do not assert that they are entitled to any Vaidika Kriya. An announcement may issue to them that in modification of the order of 1904 instructions have been issued to the local officers to relax the rules prohibiting the use of Jaiminaranya by Pujaris of their sect worshipping in the Vaishnava temples of Bangalore and Kolar.

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If the texts are not against the use of Jamiara by Satani Archaks & if the use of it by them is a recognised custom, it does seem unreasonable to pass any definite dictum on the point. In the light of this new data inclines to agree with the opinion of the M Secy that it is not expedient to have any rigid rule in the matter. A short order on the lines suggested to the M Secy may now be put up for approval.

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Submitted with DS

M 11.11.18

Please put up fair drafts.

15/11/18.

Typist Eng

Fair drafts are ready

26.11.18

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Secy.

Put up clean drafts

28.11.18

28/11/18.

Clean DDs. Submit.

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Secy.

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The order is an important one and may be

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6.12.08

Director approved
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10.12.08

Submit to Dewan
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9.12.08

In the Muzrai Inspector General's Office No. [illegible] of 1908 Conclusive

There are also notes of G.S.C. in the No. file

There appears to be divergence in the claim of so-called Entrance an authoritative rule now received the point on which applied to particular temple. Here the Inspector Contains very strong [illegible] Let it continue

I think the Inspector's arguments are some what

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Dangerous things lead to innovations. The danger that the idea is to mutate Authority & I feel loss of the matter. Deputy should issue a rule that there works be done so long - without causing any offence might lose dance. Is this right?

I am afraid I cannot approve of the draft as this is not practically allows the practice which is very universal now which did cause offence in a turbulent temple before became as a general one -

Rules 2 & 3 of the draft may lead to serious difficulties. The papers may be submitted to His Highness under these circumstances.

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Putting D. 7.12 &c.

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Submitted to the member visiting a Off. 7 inst.

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I have since revised the Donff. & brought them into better consonance with the tenor of my minute of 28.9.18. It will be clear from the later that I have not been in favour of the pronouncement of any dictum in the matter. I am sorry this escaped my attention when I expressed my approval under a mistaken direction from me. to the Donff. put up. It does not appear the necessary footnote. The case was for the orders of H.H. the Maharaja.

19.12.18

Dewan.

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20-12-18

I agree. Let the revised draft be put up & slightly verbal alteration

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27/12/18.

27/12/18 2. No 1927-34 Dt 23.1.19 To Dt Kolar and other Dts Directs that the use of Janivara.... by Sattanis & priests may follow prevalent usage. No 1938 Dt 23.1.19. To Ramachar and other Archakas States that Govt do not consider it safe enough to lay down any rigid rule in the

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Muz D 1373 2/6-17

Interview petition of Archak Ramachar, and other Venkatapur Brahmins.

Say they are brahmins entitled to wear sacred thread. But some mischievous persons have been insisting on their removing Janivaram before entering temples. Pray that their disablity may be removed.

Secretary's suggestions.

The temples are not specified. The request is too general and does not admit of disposal by Government.

(Intd.) D.M.N.

16/2.

Dewan's Orders.

This seems a curious case. The Muzrai Department will kindly examine the complaint and report how the matter stands.

(Intd.) M.V.

16-2-1917.

Branch VII.

B.O.

M.S. Ramachandra Rao

For General Secretary.

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To

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, B.A., K.C.I.E., &c.,

Dewan of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Sir,

We, the undersigned, your humble memorialists, Venkatapur Brahmins, most respectfully beg to bring the following few lines for favour of your kind and sympathetic consideration and early favourable orders.

We beg to state that we have been for generations, and, from time immemorial subjected to the religious customs and orthodoxic principles by the "celebration of 'Upanayanam," thread ceremony, Marriages, and other ceremonies, in accordance with our sectarian principles.

That the mischievous persons in some places, with a malicious intent tainted with a fraudulent motive and nothing else, insist upon the removing of the sacred thread "Janivaram" before their entrance into the Temple for the conduct of service therein.

The services in the majority of Vishnu Temples in the Kolar and Bangalore Districts are being conducted by our sect with only one individual in the Temple of Sri Venkataramana Swami at Talakayakonda in the Sidlaghatta Taluq who has been excommunicated from our sect, whereas all the rest have been adhering to our sectarian usage and custom.

We have repeatedly representing our grievances to the local officers but to no avail.

We therefore earnestly and respectfully pray that early favourably orders may kindly be caused to be issued to enable us to serve in the temple adhering to the usage and principles in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Shastras.

That while we represented our grievances to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, we were asked to represent the same before your honour. Hence we now approach your honour - with a fervent prayer that your honour should very graciously be pleased to view this pitiable case favourably and to favor us with an endorsement to the said effect.

For which act of kindness, we shall, as in duty bound, ever remain grateful.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

BANGALORE,

16th Feb.17.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To

The Secretary to the Govt: of
Revenue Dept

Dated 19:
Despatched
Received

Mysore Branch
December 1915:

General No. C-129
No.

Enclosure No.

Requesting instructions of Govt: in the matter of allowing S Pujaris wearing sacred thread at the time of conducting worship in temples—

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GPB—50,000—8-1-13

No. C /29-

Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Camp Agara, 19th December1915.

From

P.F. Bowring, Esquire.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

To

V.R. Thyagaraja Iyer,Esquire.,M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Muzrai Branch,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Proceedings No.3758-66/Muz. 64-03 dated 31st May 1904,rejecting the appeal preferred by one Gopaliah,Pujari in the temple of Sri Venkatramanaswami at Talakayalakonda in the Sidlaghatta Taluk,on the ground of his wearing Janivara or the sacred thread contrary to custom,I have the honor to state that there are several temples in the District in which worship is being conducted by the Satani Archaks wearing Janivara. From the enquiries I instituted,during my frequent tours of inspection,I gather that they are wearing the sacred thread in accordance with mamul and not indiscriminately at their convenience as occasion arises.

2. The Government Order in question was issued over a decade ago. It is a very delicate matter to enforce the spirit of the Order strictly in cases of the kind in question,as almost everywhere Satani Archaks wearing the sacred thread have been conducting worship in the temples for long time past. Any

interference in this respect, would, I beg to point out, tend to excite their religious feelings, and eventually lead to much trouble especially in places where there are factions. In fact, I have several records pending before me, in which the Amildars and the Sub Division Officers have recommended the removal of the Archaks from their office on the ground that they have been conducting worship wearing the sacred thread. So far as the practice that is at present prevailing is concerned, it may give opportunities to mischievous persons who, though at times have no objection to the Archaks wearing the sacred thread during worship, to object to it on other occasions.

3. In these circumstances, I solicit explicit ~~instruct~~ instructions, whether the Government Order in question can be strictly held applicable in all cases of this kind, or whether each case, more or less of the same nature-has to be dealt with on its own merits.

I request the favor of early orders in the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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ದೇಶಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವವನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಕೆಲವು ನಾಗರೀಕತೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿವೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಆಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಅಳಿದುಹೋಗಿ ಮಾನವ ಮಾತ್ರ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾನೆ.

ಇವರ ಹೆಂಡತಿಯರಾದ ಸೈಬೆರ ಜಾನ್ಸ್ ಎಂಬವರು ಸಾಕು. ಆದರೂ ಅವರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯಿಂದಲೆ ದೇಶಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳೆ ಮಾನವನ ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಕಾಣದಂತೆ ಮರೆಯಾಗಿವೆ. ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವನ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯನ್ನು ಹೋಲಿಸಿದರೆ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯೆಂದರೆ ಇವರು ಧನಸಂಪತ್ತು ಸಂಪಾದಿಸಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು. ಆದರೆ ಮಾನವನ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯ ಅಳಿವು ಮತ್ತು ಉಳಿವು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೇಗೆ ಎಂಬುದೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಇವರು ಸಂತೋಷ ಸಂತೃಪ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವುದು ಸರಿ. ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಂಬ ದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯಿಂದ ಅಳಿದುಹೋಗಿ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಗಮನ ಹರಿಸಿದರು.

ಇಂತಹ ಹೆಂಡತಿಯರಾದ ಅವರು ಸಂತೋಷಪಟ್ಟರು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಗಮನ ಹರಿಸಿದರು.

ಮಾನವ ಸಂತತಿಯವರು ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂತತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ

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SUBJECT Directs that the use of janivara by Satani Pujaris may follow prevalent usage-

*Diary No. of letter replied to*

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File No. 360-1

Serial No. 2

General and Revenue Secretariat

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*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore*

Date of issue 23 / 1 / 19

Signed by Mr. [illegible]

*May this be*

*i Printed?*

*ii treated as a standing order?*

*iii published in the Gazette English part?*

*iv translated?*

*v placed at the disposal of the press?*

*vi published in the Gazette Kannada part?*

*Read —* Govt Pro no 3758-66/ Muz. J 64-03 dt 31st May 1904 directing in connection with the Pujari Hak in the temple of Sri Venkataramana Swami at Talakayalakonda, ~~in the~~ Siddlaghatta Taluk, that a Satani wearing janivara was not entitled to officiate as a Pujari in the temple.

2. Letter no. 129 dt 19th Decr 1915 from the Dy Comr

Order Thereon.— No.

over.

Kolaro Distt., reporting that there are several instns in ~~his~~ District in which worship is being conducted by Satanis wearing janivara, and soliciting explicit orders as to whether the Govt order of 31st May 1904 directing the exclusion of Satani Pujaris wearing janivara should be held to be strictly applicable in all such cases.

3. Petition dt 16th Febry 1917 from Ramachar and certain other Satani Archaks praying that they may be allowed to conduct worship in temples wearing janivara, which is as according to their caste usages

List of enclosures.

Order no. 1927-34 dt 23.1.19 Copied by
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Examined by

Since passing the order

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

read above, the Dy. Commr. of Kolar reports that the practice of wearing janivara has become more or less general in the caste and that a large number of such Brahmans wearing janivara are actually conducting Puja in many of the Murugai temples ~~The prohibition seems to be keenly felt as a stigma upon the community.~~

2. In these circumstances the whole subject has been ~~was~~ ~~again~~ reexamined by the ~~and the~~ Mug. Supt who is of opinion that the wearing of janivara does not in itself cons a breach of caste rules, that there is no express Shastraic prohibition again wearing such threads

Though they may not be ~~Vaidically~~ consecrated yagnopavitams, according to vedic ritual, such as the practice of wearing is not uncommon in other ~~non Brahman~~ other than Brahmin communities, the prohibitive rules may be relaxed.

(2) On a careful consideration of the question, Govt are ~~pleased to accept the~~ ~~Supt's~~ opinion ~~and to direct~~ that the wearing of janivara by a Satani Archaka ~~should~~ can not by itself he deems it render him unfit to conduct worship in a temple. yet it is not expedient to lay down any general rule in the matter but to decide each case on its own merits.

Submitted
The order may be passed.
7/12/15

Rec
7.12.15

~~The Dy. Commr of Kolar is requested to dispose of the cases now pending before him in the light of the above observation.~~

Rec
14.12.15

Joint Secretary to Govt
Mun Dept.
4/12/15

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To
The Dy. Commr, Kolar Dist,
" Dy. Commrs of other Dists
~~Copy to the parties~~

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SUBJECT (Stating that orders have been issued that use of janivara by Satani Archakas be regulated by the prevalent usage)

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

Section

File No. 360-15

Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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~~No.~~ 001935

To

Date of issue 23/1/19

Signed by [illegible]

Endorsement granted to Ramachar and others with reference to their petition dated 16th February 1917 praying that Satani Archakas wearing janivara may not be prohibited from conducting worship in temples which I would otherwise be entitled to do. The petitioners are informed that ~~on a due consideration of the question~~

over.

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The Govt do not consider it expedient ~~have been~~ are pleased to lay down any rule in the matter ~~to relax the~~ rule prohibiting such ~~practice~~ as that prayed for. but to direct that the wearing of Janivara by a Satani Archak should not by itself render him unfit to ~~officiate~~ officiate as a priest in a temple.

Rees
14.12.15

Rees
7.12.15

By order,

Sd/-
8.12.15

Joint Secretary,
Inz-Deptt

Clear
DPI

Rees
4/12/15

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Examined by

**The wearing of Janivara by Satani Pujaris.**

No. 1927-34—Muz. 360-15-2, dated 23rd January 1919.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

### GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

Read—

Government Proceedings No. 3758-66--Muz. F. 64-03, dated 31st May 1904, directing in connection with the Pujari Hak in the temple of Sri Venkataramanaswami at Talakayalukonda, Sidlaghatta Taluk, that a Satani wearing Janivara was not entitled to officiate as a Pujari in the temple.

2. Letter No. 129, dated 19th December 1915, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, reporting that there are several institutions in the district in which worship is being conducted by Satanis wearing Janivara, and soliciting explicit orders as to whether the Government Order of 31st May 1904, directing the exclusion of Satani Pujaris wearing Janivara should be held to be strictly applicable in all such cases.

3. Petition dated 16th February 1917. from Ramachar and certain other Satani Archaks praying that they may be allowed to conduct worship in temples wearing janivara, which was according to their caste usages.

**Order No. 1927-34—Muz. 360-15-2, dated 23rd January 1919.**

Since passing the order read above, the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar reports that the practice of wearing Janivara has become more or less general in the caste and that a large number of such Archaks wearing Janivara are actually conducting Puja in many of the Muzrai temples.

2. In these circumstances the whole subject has been re-examined by the Muzrai Superintendent who is of opinion that the wearing of Janivara does not in itself constitute a breach of caste rules, that there is no express Shastraic prohibition against wearing such threads though they may not be conscrated Yagnopavitams according to Vedic ritual and that as the practice of wearing such Janivara is not uncommon in communities other than Brahmans, the prohibitive rules may be relaxed.

3. On a careful consideration of the question, Government are of opinion that though the wearing of Janivara by a Satani Archak cannot by itself be deemed to render him unfit to conduct worship in a temple, yet it is not expedient to lay down any general rule in the matter and every case should be decided on its own merits.

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